

Haslemere

Haslemere is a charming market town and the gateway to wonderful walking. It makes a great base for exploring the beautiful surrounding



countryside and is perfect for walkers who appreciate diverse landscape and want somewhere that offers great local food and lovely places to stay – walkers really are welcome in Haslemere!

Booking Conditions

- The walk leaders are in charge of the walk and their decision on participation is final.
- Walks are aimed at all abilities and suitable for most people but you need to check the walk is suitable for you. All walks encounter hazards and you must attend the talk at the start of each walk.
- It is the responsibility of all walkers to ensure that they are physically fit enough to take part in the walks they have chosen. If you are in doubt regarding your abilities, seek medical advice.
- Dogs are not allowed other than on walks which are specifically described as being suitable for dogs
- Vulnerable people including young people under 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Appropriate footwear and clothing must be worn and bring sufficient refreshments and snacks where applicable.
- You are responsible for your own personal safety and whilst we endeavour to make all walks as safe and enjoyable as possible, any event attended is done so at your own risk. We accept no liability for loss, accident or injury caused to any person during the festival. *Check your own personal accident cover before taking part.*

Walk Grading

EASY: gentle walk suitable for most levels of fitness – mainly on flat paths

MODERATE: moderate walk suitable for average fitness – a few gradients and steps. Boots recommended

CHALLENGING: challenging walk suitable for those with a good level of fitness – steep gradients, steps or rough terrain. Boots essential

How to get to Haslemere

Haslemere is easily reached by all routes with London and the historic naval town of Portsmouth less than an hour away. Haslemere station is just a short walk away from the High Street and there are regular direct train services from London Waterloo. Driving is easy with excellent access via the A3 linking with the M25 and with good road links to the south coast, London and beyond. Both Gatwick and Heathrow airports and Portsmouth ferry port are approximately one hour's drive. There are bus links to local towns and villages.

Useful Contacts

National Rail

Tel: 03457 484950 or visit www.nationalrail.co.uk

Traveline

Tel: 0871 200 2233 or visit www.traveline.info

National Express

Tel: 08717 818181 or visit www.nationalexpress.com/en

Visit Haslemere is situated in the heart of the town at



Haslemere Museum and offers information on everything you need to get the most from your visit including where to stay, attractions and local events. You will also find information on transport, eating out, maps, walks and much more. For more details, visit www.haslemere.com/vic



Haslemere Town Council represents the people of Haslemere and fully funds the Haslemere Walking Festival. For more information, visit www.haslemeretc.org

Booking Information

All walks are free to attend and booking is essential.

Numbers are limited so early booking is recommended to avoid disappointment. Booking is available online via <https://haslemere-museum.arttickets.org.uk/> For all enquiries please call Visit Haslemere on **01428 645425** or email visithaslemere@haslemeremuseum.co.uk



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HASLEMERE WALKING FESTIVAL 2025

Friday 4th to Sunday 6th July

A weekend of varied and rewarding walks for all tastes, ages and abilities.

Easy and difficult, long and short, there is something for everyone to enjoy!



Bookings online at:

<https://haslemere-museum.arttickets.org.uk/>

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Haslemere Walking Festival 2025

From Friday 4th to Sunday 6th July, the 3-day programme of walks will take you in and around Haslemere, through National Trust Heathlands and deep into the Surrey Hills AONB. With so many beautiful areas to discover and explore with experienced walk leaders, join Haslemere's 10th Walking Festival in celebrating the rich history and stunning countryside surrounding this quaint market town nestled in the Surrey Hills.

Friday 4th July

Grayswood Walk

Join Richard Derwent Cooke for an interesting walk starting at Grayswood Village Hall. From here you will climb to the Temple of the Four Winds and then on to Gibbet Hill, returning by way of the Wheatsheaf Inn. At this point you will have completed 5 miles and can stop here, but there is the option of walking another 2 + miles across Grayswood Common.

09:45 - 10:00 / 3 hrs - 5 hrs / 5 - 8 miles / Leisurely / Moderate

Meet Point: Grayswood Village Hall

Notes: Meet time 09:45. Moderately steep in places. Can be muddy, walking boots essential, poles helpful. Bring water.

Charming Hammer

Join Sue Manuel on this walk that begins by discovering the 'blue plaque' home of a highly notable engineer who made a major contribution to the creation of the WW2 Mulberry Harbour. Then, heading towards the undulating Hammer woodlands, there is the opportunity to explore the surprising rise and fall of the industrial history of this area.

18:30 / 2.5 hrs / 4.5 miles / Leisurely

Meet Point: Camelsdale Recreation Ground Car Park (follow New Road which leads to the car park) GU27 3RR

Refreshments: Opportunity to visit local public house post walk

Notes: Walking boots/shoes recommended



Saturday 5th July

Hankley Common Historical Walk

Join John Casey for a walk around Hankley Common with stories of a murder, a plane crash with connections to a British Prime Minister and the Atlantic Wall used as practice for the World War 2 D Day landings. Hankley has been used for numerous film sets including Skyfall, 1917 and the historical epic Napoleon.

10:00 / 3 hrs / 5 miles / Leisurely / Moderate

Meet Point: Upper main car park, Hankley Common.

Notes: To get to the start point, leave Thursley Road at October Farm, Truxford. Follow the made up, single track road for about half a mile to the gate across the road. The car park is on the left at the gate.

Haslemere's Notable Trees: Town Walk

Local tree warden Clive Davidson invites you to visit trees that pre-date the dinosaurs, that grow as tall as Big Ben, have provided wood for temples and churches for millennia and are given as cultural gifts between towns, as well as many others, all within a mile radius of the town centre.

14:30 / 2 hrs / Leisurely / Easy

Meet Point: Outside the Coppa Club at the Georgian, High Street

Notes: Regular pauses to admire trees. Boots recommended as some areas may be muddy. Not suitable for dogs

Sunday 6th July

Woodland Walk with Surrey's Tallest Trees

Local tree warden Clive Davidson invites you to explore a local woodland that includes not only many of our native species but also the tallest trees in the county, as well as some unusual and impressive individuals, including giant redwoods, hemlocks and Himalayan cedars.

10:00 / 2 hrs / Leisurely / Easy

Meet Point: Corner of Lion Lane and the Avenue

Notes: Regular pauses to admire trees. Boots recommended as some areas may be muddy. Well behaved dogs on leads welcome.



Key = Start Time ■ Length ■ Duration ■ Pace ■

Sunday 6th July

Haslemere's Hidden Countryside

Discover the hidden countryside surrounding Haslemere with this relaxed walk led by Paula Shelley. There is something for everyone, taking in beautiful views, wooded glades and the tranquil waterside.

10:00 / 2.5 hrs / 5.4 miles / Leisurely

Meet Point: Haslemere Recreation Ground Car Park, Scotland Lane, behind the tennis club and cricket pitch GU27 3AP

Notes: This route is not suitable for dogs. Although largely a leisurely walk, there are some short, sharp hills both up and down.



Haslemere to the Devil's Punchbowl

Join Barry Sweetman for this pleasant wooded walk up to the Devil's Punchbowl. A reasonable level of fitness is required but it is mainly downhill on the way back! There will be a chance to stop at the punchbowl to eat lunch and purchase a drink.

10:30 / 3.5 hrs / Leisurely / Moderate

Meet Point: Outside Haslemere Museum



Sir Robert Hunter Walk on Hindhead Common

A dramatized walk bringing the rich and colourful history of the Common and its surrounding area dramatically to life by Sir Robert Hunter, founder of the National Trust who lived in Haslemere. Led and organised by Jo Owen Smith and cast.

14:30 / 1.5 hrs / 2 miles / Leisurely / Easy

Meet Point: Outside Devil's Punchbowl Hotel

Notes: The walk covers open ground. Suitable for the young, elderly and well behaved dogs on leads welcome.

Refreshments: Visit NT Café or Devil's Punchbowl Hotel